

Maryland is #2 in the country in the percentage of new graduates who have passed at least one Advanced Placement (AP) exam.

Twenty-two percent of the class of 2006 passed an AP exam, an 8-percentage-point increase over 2000—the largest increase in the nation.

Ranking Maryland's Public Schools

Among states, Maryland is #1 in the number of AP exams taken per 1,000 juniors and seniors, and #2 in participation growth.

For every 1,000 11th and 12th graders in Maryland, 507 AP exams were taken last year—94 more than the year before.

Maryland's SAT scores rank #2 in the College Board's Middle States region, and #6 among states with a 70% or higher test-participation rate.

On the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), only 5 states outperformed Maryland in grade 4 reading and grade 8 math.

Maryland students scored above the U.S. average on all four NAEP assessments (4th- and 8th-grade reading & 4th- and 8th-grade math).

Maryland ranks #5 in the U.S. in children's chances for adult success.

Indicators used in the *Education Week* report include family income; parent education, employment, and English fluency; preschool and kindergarten enrollment; elementary school reading and middle school math scores; high school graduation rate; post-secondary participation; educational attainment; annual income; and steady employment.

Among states, Maryland ranks #3 in child care standards and oversight.

Ranking criteria include staff-to-child ratios, program quality, staff credentials and training, center licensing and inspections, and parent access/involvement.

Maryland is among the top 7 states in preparing students for college.

The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education gives Maryland an A– in college preparation, a grade bested by just three other states; an A in college participation; a B in college completion; and an A in the economic and societal benefits of having a highly education population.

Among states, Maryland is #2 in the percentage of the population, aged 25 and older, with a bachelor's degree.

